



## CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Public Hearing to Consider Resolution Adopting Water Rate Increase  
**MEETING DATE:** April 20, 2005  
**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council conduct a public hearing to consider a resolution adopting a water rate increase.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In the spring of 2004, the City Council approved a rate increase for water service (as well as increases in wastewater and refuse services). The City-wide public notification done then included provisions for future rate adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). At that time, the rate increase for wastewater was adopted to take place in two steps, with the second one to occur in July 2005. Refuse rates, per our agreement with Central Valley Waste Services are adjusted annually and were the subject of a separate public hearing in March 2005.

Water rates were increased significantly in 2004, mainly to account for the Woodbridge Irrigation District water purchase contract and, in part, to help fund PCE/TCE contamination remediation and legal costs. At this point, while significant progress has been made on the contamination issue, the City's actual costs are still being evaluated. While it is clear that higher water rates will be necessary, the amount and timing of increases would, at this point, have to be set with a "best-guess" process. Staff plans to bring this issue back to the City Council later in 2005.

Given these uncertainties, staff is recommending that the City proceed with a CPI-based increase at this time and defer consideration of a more significant increase until costs and cash-flow requirements are better known. Staff feels that increasing utility rates on a more frequent basis will maintain better cash flow and reserves within the utility and ultimately be more palatable with customers than waiting longer periods and adopting large increases.

The San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer price index for all items (unadjusted) for December 2003 was 195.3 and 199.5 for December 2004, which translates to 2.2%. This increase on all water service charges results in total water rates as shown on Exhibit A. The increase amount for a 3-bedroom home is \$0.58 per month. The effective date of the increase is May 1, 2005, which is one year from the previous increase.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Increased annual water fund revenue will be approximately \$170,000

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable

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Richard C. Prima, Jr.  
Public Works Director

RCP/pmf  
Attachment

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APPROVED:

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Blair King, City Manager

## Exhibit A: Water Utility

### Proposed 2.2% Water Utility Rate Increase

<u>Residential Flat Rate</u> (per month):	Present Rate	Proposed New Rate
Single Family Unit (one bedroom)	\$ 18.24	\$ 18.64
(two bedrooms)	\$ 21.90	\$ 22.38
(three bedrooms)	\$ 26.26	\$ 26.83
(four bedrooms)	\$ 31.54	\$ 32.24
(five bedrooms)	\$ 37.85	\$ 38.68
(six bedrooms)	\$ 45.41	\$ 46.41
(seven bedrooms)	\$ 54.47	\$ 55.67
Multiple Family Unit (one bedroom)	\$ 15.66	\$ 16.00
(two bedrooms)	\$ 18.78	\$ 19.19
(three bedrooms)	\$ 22.53	\$ 23.02
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Commercial Flat Rate varies add: 2.2% (Examples below)  
(Existing accounts only. New accounts are metered.)

	Present Rate	Proposed New Rate
¾" service	\$ 26.26	\$ 26.83
1" service	\$ 39.41	\$ 40.28
1½" service	\$ 52.54	\$ 53.70
2" service	\$ 65.69	\$ 67.14
3" service	\$ 91.97	\$ 93.99
4" service	\$ 118.23	\$ 120.83

Metered Rate \$0.707 per 100 cu. ft. \$0.723

plus monthly base charge:	Present Rate	Proposed New Rate
¾" meter	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.77
1" meter	\$ 23.14	\$ 23.65
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2" meter	\$ 38.58	\$ 39.43
3" meter	\$ 54.00	\$ 55.19
4" meter	\$ 69.43	\$ 70.96
6" meter	\$ 100.29	\$ 102.50
8" meter	\$ 131.17	\$ 134.06
10" meter	\$ 162.04	\$ 165.60

Construction Water Charges:	Present Rate	Proposed New Rate
per 100 cu. ft.	\$ 0.707	\$ 0.723

Note: Charges are total, includes 2.2% increases for infrastructure replacement charges.  
The above are the most common examples of existing water rates, all other rates, including Discount, Outside City, City and Miscellaneous water rates will also be raised 2.2%.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2005-79

### A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13.08.010 OF THE LODI MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section ~~54354.5~~, a Public Hearing was held on April 20, 2005, to consider adoption of a Resolution setting and establishing an amended fee schedule for water service rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council:

Section 1: The schedule of water service rates for the City of Lodi shall be as shown as follows:

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Section 2: The rates established by this Resolution shall be effective May 1, 2005, or applied to the next full billing cycle following the effective date.

Section 3: All resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as such conflict may exist.

Dated: April 20, 2005

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-79 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 20, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and  
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk

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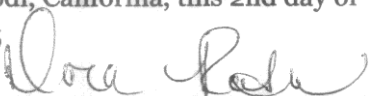
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Lodi News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily except Sundays and holidays, in the City of Lodi, California, County of San Joaquin and which newspaper had been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 3, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 26th, 1953. Case Number 65990; that the notice of which is annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than non-pareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereto on the following dates to-wit:

April 2nd

in the year 2005.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Witness my hand and seal at Lodi, California, this 2nd day of April, 2005.



Signature

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City Clerk  
City of Lodi

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Notice of Public Hearing  
City of Lodi, April 20th, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, to consider the following matter:

- a) a resolution adopting water rate increases.

Information regarding this item may be obtained in the office of the Public Works Department, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, California. All interested persons are invited to present their views and comments on this matter. Written statements may be filed with the City Clerk at any time prior to the hearing scheduled herein, and oral statements may be made at said hearing.

If you challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice or, in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk, 221 West Pine Street, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

By Order of the Lodi City Council:  
Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

Dated: March 16, 2005

Approved as to form:  
D. Stephen Schwabauer  
City Attorney  
April 2, 2005 — 08501595

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CITY OF LODI  
P. O. BOX 3006  
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**SUBJECT** SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 20, 2005, TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING WATER RATE INCREASES

## **LEGAL AD**

**PUBLISH DATE:** SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2005

**TEAR SHEETS WANTED:** Three (3) please

**SEND AFFIDAVIT AND BILL TO:**

SUSAN BLACKSTON, CITY CLERK  
City of Lodi  
P.O. Box 3006  
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

**DATED:** THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005

**ORDERED BY:**

*Kari J. Chadwick*  
KARI J. CHADWICK  
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# CITY OF LODI

Carnegie Forum  
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: April 20, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding this notice please contact:

**Susan J. Blackston**

City Clerk

Telephone: (209) 3336702

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Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

**Dated: March 16, 2005**

Approved as to form:

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D. Stephen Schwabauer  
City Attorney



## **DECLARATION OF POSTING**

### **SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 20, 2005, TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTING WATER RATE INCREASES**

On Friday, March 18, 2005, in the City of Lodi, San Joaquin County, California, a copy of a Notice of Public Hearing to consider a resolution adopting water rate increases, (attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A"), was posted at the following four locations:

Lodi Public Library  
Lodi City Clerks Office  
Lodi City Hall Lobby  
Lodi Carnegie Forum

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

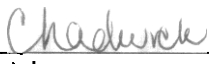
Executed on March 18, 2005, at Lodi, California

**ORDERED BY:**

**SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
CITY CLERK**

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Deputy City Clerk

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Kari J. Chadwick  
Administrative Clerk

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Jennifer M. Perrin, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk